

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 619  
By Jackson

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Linda Sue Garrison  
Mayo of Dickson County.

WHEREAS, it was with great sadness and a profound sense of loss that the members of this General Assembly and the citizens of our state learned of the death of a distinguished and beloved Tennessean, Linda Sue Garrison Mayo; and

WHEREAS, Linda Mayo will live eternally in the hearts and minds of many, as she was very dedicated to her profession, community and family; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Mayo began her meritorious life in Lacy Springs, Alabama, the daughter of Modell and the late Marvin Garrison; and

WHEREAS, our state was certainly fortunate when Ms. Mayo came to Tennessee in the 1960s; in 1979, Linda agreed to fill in for an employee on leave from the Dickson County Sheriff's Office, thus beginning her exemplary tenure with the law enforcement agency; and

WHEREAS, with the election of a new sheriff, Sheriff Don Martin, in 1982, Linda was asked to go on the road as a Dickson County Sheriff's patrol deputy; she became the first female patrol deputy in Dickson County; and

WHEREAS, Linda's excellent skills and abilities were quickly recognized as she was soon made the first K-9 Deputy in Dickson County and was later promoted to the Criminal Investigations Division, becoming the first female Detective in Dickson County; and

WHEREAS, Linda was asked to serve as Acting Chief Deputy during Sheriff Martin's tenure, filling the position while Chief Deputy Tom Wall attended the FBI Academy; she gave

unreservedly of herself in this position, earning a permanent promotion to the position of Chief Deputy when Tom Wall replaced retiring Sheriff Martin in 1994; and

WHEREAS, the first woman to serve as chief deputy in Tennessee, Linda was seen as a pioneer, leader and mentor; she has been touted as a “hero” and true “friend to law enforcement”; and

WHEREAS, during her tenure, Linda became very involved in the Drug Abuse Resistance Education program; she gave unselfishly of her time and talents as Chairman of the Drug Abuse Awareness Program in Dickson County in 1994; and

WHEREAS, her many accomplishments aside, Linda enjoyed the loving companionship of her husband, David Conroy; she was the proud parent of two sons, Nick and Matthew, and nine stepchildren, James, Paul, Terry, Kelly, Sharon, Deneen, Dana, Mark and Dennis; and

WHEREAS, although she has relinquished this life for a far greater existence, the legacy Linda Mayo leaves behind will be long remembered and treasured by her co-workers, friends and family for years to come; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this legislative body pause in its deliberations to remember the exemplary life of this fine Tennessean; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor the memory of Linda Sue Garrison Mayo, remembering with admiration her outstanding character and her many selfless contributions to Dickson County and the state of Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our deepest sympathy and extend our condolences to the family and friends of Ms. Mayo.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.